

PATENT APPLICATION

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING NETWORKING POTENTIAL

USING A SECURED SYSTEM FOR AN ONLINE COMMUNITY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004, the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

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